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FOLLOWING REPEAT MANILA 14396 ACTION SECSTATE INFO BONN  
TOKYO CINCPAC 18 SEP QUOTE

UNCLAS MANILA 14396

DEPT PASS TREASURY AND AID

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, CASC, RP  
SUBJ: OVERDUE AIRCRAFT

REF: MANILA 14377

1. SEARCH EFFORT FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT HAS CONTINUED NEGATIVE  
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18. WEATHER HAS STILL NOT PERMITTED EFFECTIVE  
AIR SEARCH IN MOUNTAINE RIDGES WHICH ARE PRIMARY PROBABILITIES  
OF CRASH SITE. CLOUD DECK HAS NEVER LIFTED ABOVE THREE  
THOUSAND FOOT LEVEL.

2. DURING SEPTEMBER 18 ACTION, TWO U.S. NAVY HELICOPTERS, ONE  
USAF HELICOPTER AND ONE USAF C-130 SEARCH PLANE WERE  
EMPLOYED IN ADDITION TO PHILIPPINE ASSETS. EFFECTIVENESS  
OF ALL THESE AIRCRAFT LIMITED BY HEAVY CLOUD LAYER AND  
BY ABSENCE ANY SUSTAINED ELT BEEPER TRANSMISSIONS.

3. GROUND PARTIES HAVE CONTINUED TO RUN SYSTEMATIC  
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SEARCHES OF ASSIGNED TERRITORIES WITHOUT RESULT. RANGER

PARTIES HAVE BEEN AIRLIFTED AS HIGH AS CLOUD COVER WILL PERMIT, AND INSTRUCTED TO MOVE TOWARDS RIDGES. A COMBINED GERMAN-AMERICAN-NEGRITO TEAM OF MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS WAS INSUTED ON SLOPES OF ONE OF POSSIBLE RIDGE AREAS.

4. IN AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 18, PHILIPPINE ARMY BEGAN TO DEPLOY ADDITIONAL TROOPS (THEY STATE NUMBER-PROGRAMMED AS 2000 RPT 2000) INTO BASE CAMPS FOR SUSTAINED OPERATIONS IN GROUND SEARCH. BOTH GROUND AND AIR OPERATIONS ARE SCHEDULED AGAIN FOR SEPTEMBER 19, WITH NO RPT NO PROMISE OF IMPROVED WEATHER. FATIGUE IS BEGINNING TO REINFORCE FRUSTRATION AMONG PRIMARY MEMBERS OF SEARCH GROUP.  
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